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In re Patent Application of)
Guy LaTorre et al.) Group Art Unit: 1615
Application No.: 09/488,202) Examiner: R. Bennett
Filed: January 19, 2000)
For: COMPOSITIONS AND METHODS)
FOR TREATING NAILS AND)
ADJACENT TISSUES)

AMENDMENT ACCOMPANYING RCE

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Sir:

In complete response to the Final Official Action of February 5, 2001, and in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.114, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

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Please replace claims 1, 8, 12, 13, 14 and 16 as follows:

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1. (Amended) A method for treating nails comprising applying a composition comprising an effective, nail enhancing amount of non-interlinked particles of bioactive glass to the nails for a suitable amount of time.